

# FORECASTS MADE OF SUGAR SUPPLY FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Check On Consumption Urged  
and Effort Made To Reduce  
Imports Materially

## OBJECT IS TO LIMIT MARKET TO DOMESTIC

Shipments From America—Mau-  
ritius and Java Counted Upon  
For Increased Tonnage

In view of the recent reports of limitation of sugar imports by Great Britain the table herewith, given the final figures for 1915 and 1914, is of especial interest at this time. The figures are those of the London Board of Trade. The supplies reported each year considerably exceed the sum of the consumption and exports, which is calculated for to some extent by the fact that the former are about two-thirds raw sugars and so reported, while the latter are almost entirely refined sugar. However, allowing for a loss in refining of eleven per cent, which has been done and which is quite high, there is still a certain amount unaccounted for, namely, 76,716 tons in 1914 and 39,505 tons in 1915. In both cases, but in the latter particularly, other authorities give stock larger than those reported here, which if used would account for much of this surplus, but it is considered best to follow one authority throughout, and some of these other figures may include the refined sugar of a raw basis.

**Decreased European Imports**  
The chief points of interest in the 1914-15 columns are of course the decrease in the imports from Europe, which used to supply the greater part of Britain's needs, and equally the increase in imports from Cuba, Mauritius and the United States. The increase which has taken place from Java is not very prominent in these figures, as very heavy amounts were brought in immediately after the war started in 1914.

The forecast for 1916 is, of course, an uncertain feature, but is made after considerable study and the weighing of all sides of the question. The usual sources of Britain's supply other than Cuba and the United States were first considered, and allowance made for what Canada would need from them. As shipments to Europe from the old Java crop have now stopped, and so more are likely this spring, the supply from Java depends on how much can be brought in from the new crop next fall. Owing to the lack of obstacles to Government Plan.

If the limitation proposal succeeds only in part it will merely be in the same class as several other proposals which the government has made recently, and the full carrying out of the government's program appears bound to meet many obstacles.

### FORECAST BOARD OF TRADE FIGURES.

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